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Despite pleas to Bengaluru District Electoral Officer and BBMP to exempt doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff from election duty, no such consideration given

IT'S VOTING DAY, BUT DON'T FALL ILL

Medical staff away, outpatients bear the brunt

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Snaking queues, disgruntled appearances, and harried-looking staff. This was the general scene at Sir CV Raman General Hospital, Jayanagar General Hospital, and KC General Hospital on Tuesday when hundreds of outpatients were waiting to be treated. With most of the staff members on election duty, these citizens were forced to wait long hours or, return home.

The pharmacy, X-ray and records sections of these hospitals were closed or were functioning with just one or two staff members. Outpatients at Sir CV Raman General Hospital were the worst affected. They were compelled to buy medicines at private medical stores as the pharmacy was closed.

"I wanted to take medicines at the pharmacy since medicines are given to us free of cost. I am told that there is no guarantee of

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"We have no other option than managing with the available staff. It is difficult for doctors to attend to outpatients without nurses and paramedical staff. Only two staff members are on duty at the Blood Bank

– Doctor at CV Raman Nagar Hospital

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To Prevent Hair Fall and for luscious growth of hair

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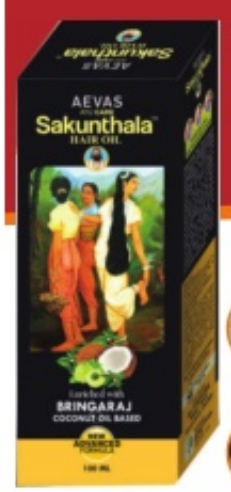

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Maths fun

Here's a chance for you to attend a workshop on Vedic Mathematics being conducted by Janaki Murali. The workshop is a certification course that will help you to learn about the history and background of Vedic Maths and some of the quick and simple calculation techniques. People of 8 years of age and above can participate.
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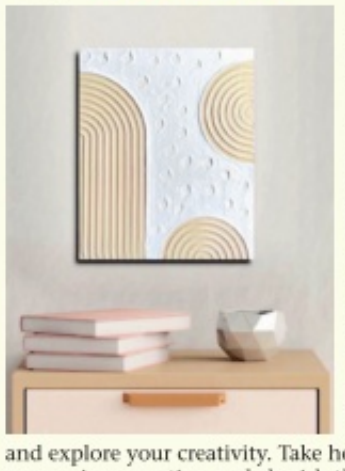
When: May 12,13 and 14; 6 pm to 7:30 pm;
Contact: anubhootimusic@gmail.com

02 Textured art



Looking to spend some quality time on the weekend? Come and experience the trending Texture Art! This is a fun and creative activity that you can enjoy with friends or family. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, unwind, and explore your creativity. Take home your own unique creation and cherish the memories you made during this special weekend activity.
Where: Atta Galatta; When: May 13, 5 PM- 7 PM;
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03 Stories and more

Attend a workshop by acclaimed writers Jahnavi Barua and Shinie Antony on what makes good fiction. What goes into making a story? Beginnings and endings, protagonist and antagonist, conflict and resolution, the art and the craft... Acclaimed writers Jahnavi Barua and Shinie Antony take everyone through writing, editing, and a lot, lot more in this workshop. Let's have fun with the fundamentals of fiction.
Where: Atta Galatta; When: May 13, 3PM- 5PM
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A natural mess

A huge tree uprooted in Chamarajpet due to the rain, in Bengaluru on Tuesday

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Some good news on male fertility front

Recent Indian study reveals a blend of anti-oxidants combined with micronutrients can significantly improve male fertility by 75 per cent

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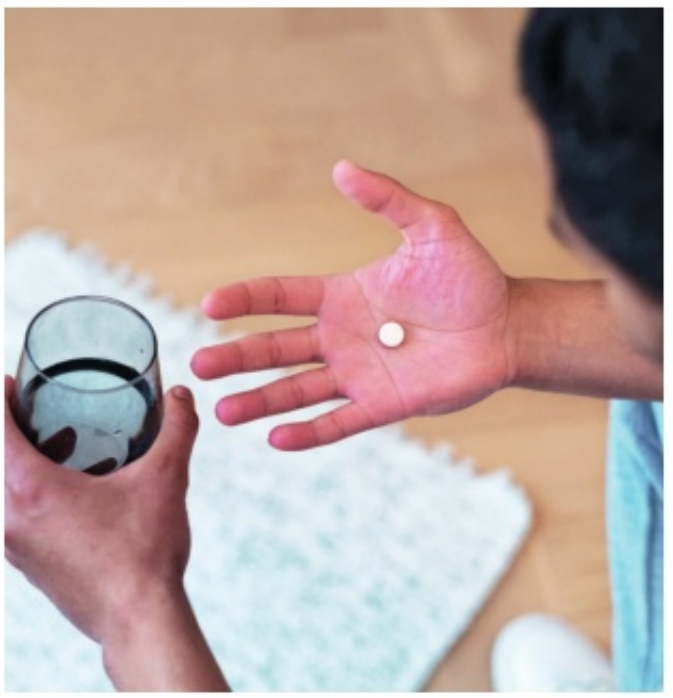
An Indian study has shown that a blend of anti-oxidants with micronutrients showed a significant decline in male infertility. It further showed that there was a 76 per cent improvement in male fertility.

In the randomised, double-blind and placebo-controlled clinical trial, the study was conducted by Meyer Vitabotics in 10 different sites across India. The trial was aimed at studying the impact of antioxidants in improving semen parameters like count, motility, and DNA fragmentation in sub-fertile males.

According to the study, a combination of anti-oxidant micronutrients and vitamins improved male fertility parameters by 76 per cent even in severe cases. "Among Indian males with a baseline sperm count of less than 5 million/ ml, a blend of multi-vitamins, minerals, essential amino acids, ginseng & lycopene increased the sperm count by 75.76 per cent," it said.

The study was conducted over a period of three months with 300 males with varied types and degrees of infertility. The complete study was published in the International Journal "Translational and Clinical Pharmacology".

"Male infertility is solely responsible for 20–30 per cent of overall infertility cases. Male factor infertility is a clinical challenge. Abnormalities in semen such as Oligospermia (low sperm count), Asthenozoospermia (sperm motility), and Teratozoospermia (group of abnormal sperm) are most frequently linked with infertility in males. Surgical procedures, hormonal and drug therapy are available treatment options for male infertility but these methods also have special concerns like higher cost, uncertain clinical effectiveness and side effects. Antioxidants have acquired increasing interest amongst clinicians & researchers for boosting parameters of male fertility. Sperm DNA fragmentation is known to be higher in infertile men. If it exceeds 30% of than normal value, it implies sperm quality is significantly reduced. The uniqueness of this trial lies in the inclusion of DFI as one of the assessment factors before & after the treatment," said Dr Ameet Patki, the trial's principal investigator of the study.



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Mr Rohit Shelatkar, Vice-President of Meyer Vitabiotics added that infertility is a serious concern worldwide. As per the earlier published comprehensives, it is reinforced that there is a vital role of diet and antioxidant supplementation in male factor infertility. The limitations of current treatment options call for a convenient, less costly and yet clinically effective option.

According to him, considering the gaining interest in antioxidant therapy and the need for systematic scientific evidence, the present study was proposed to evaluate the efficacy of antioxidant blends in sub-fertile males.

"The experiential use of antioxidants in male infertility is aimed at improving semen parameters and DNA Fragmentation Index (DFI), enhancing the probability of conception. The frequently prescribed compounds include vitamins E & C, carnitine, N-acetyl cysteine, selenium, and zinc. Interventional antioxidant blends through a single tablet of Oligocare forte plus, also called Wellman Conception in the UK, is a combination of micronutrients, essential amino acids, antioxidants, and vitamins that are essential for the male reproductive system," he said.

STRAYING HAPPY

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Over 70 per cent of Bengaluru's stray dog population that has received even a single dose of anti-rabies vaccines so far is immune from the virus, says a recent assessment of immune response in free-ranging dogs conducted by Veterinary College, Hebbal in association with Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagar Palike (BBMP) and a few other research organizations.

The assessment was conducted by testing blood and serum samples of 260 dogs from 26 wards across eight BBMP zones to ascertain the effectiveness of BBMP's ongoing Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ABC/ARV) program. The result shows that 71 per cent of the vaccinated dog population in Bengaluru have adequate antibodies, also called Virus Neutralising Antibodies (VNA) titre, to protect them from the deadly virus.

> **"After Goa, Bengaluru is turning out to be the second-best place in the country around rabies control**
>
> – Harini Raghavan, Citizens for Animal Birth Control

The titre was reported in at least 70 per cent of the vaccinated population in most zones, except in Bengaluru South, Dasarahalli, and RR Nagar. Immunity was found to be highest (86.4 per cent) in Bengaluru West and lowest (53.7 per cent) in the RR Nagar zone.

According to veterinary scientists and experts, the mass dog vaccination program taken up by the BBMP over the last two years has led to this encouraging outcome.

"Bengaluru is faring the best among all cities in the country when it comes to managing stray dog population. VNA titre reported from 70 per cent of the blood sample shows that we are moving in the right direction in attaining herd immunity," said Dr Shrikrishna Isloor, Department of Microbiology, Veterinary College, Bengaluru.

As per World Health Organisation (WHO) standards, herd immunity is obtained if 70 per cent of the dog population is successfully vaccinated against the virus. Experts say oral vaccines for rabies can help us achieve this target faster.

"While have done well with the mass dog vaccination program, we need to keep it going. However, the target can be achieved quicker if we bring oral rabies vaccines for the stray dog population. It will not only ensure a faster vaccination rate but also requires fewer resources," added Dr Isloor.

Improvement registered

Interestingly, the Veterinary College, Bengaluru, in association with Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment (ATREE), conducted a similar study in 2022.

The researchers then collected a total of 250 blood samples from free-roaming dogs from 18 different wards of north and south Bengaluru. All the dogs were previously vaccinated by the animal welfare organisations in the period of 2017–2018 with the Raksharab vaccine supplied by BBMP. The result of that study had shown that only 50 per cent of the dogs had adequate rabies VNA titre.

The study attributed the low proportion to a combination of factors, including lack of sustained vaccination as well as vaccination failure. According to officials from BBMP's Animal Husbandry Department, this increase in the number of dogs showing immunity against rabies is due to the continuous and intense ABC/ARV program taken up by the civic agency starting in 2021.

"Since 2021, we have started a systematic drive and have covered a much larger area. Earlier, dogs only in areas with rabies cases were vaccinated. Moreover, a single dose of the vaccine was administered. However, since 2021 we have started vaccinating the entire stray dog population," said Dr Manjunath Shinde, assistant director, Animal Husbandry Department, BBMP.

Animal welfare activists rejoice

City-based animal welfare activists say the result of the study is not surprising as the stray dogs are being vaccinated regularly. However, BBMP must ensure mandatory vaccination of pet dogs in the city too through the pet licensing program, which is still in the draft stage.

"After Goa, Bengaluru is turning out to be the second-best place in the country around rabies control. BBMP having partnered with various organisations has been able to vaccinate dogs frequently in a planned way across all the eight zones. Also, we are the only other city to have a focused Rabies Helpline run by an animal welfare organisation. While Bengaluru is well on its path to being a rabies-controlled city, BBMP must soon ensure mandatory vaccination in pet dogs via pet licensing," said Harini Raghavan, Citizens for Animal Birth Control.

Some say while the sample size for the study is small, the impact of the program is surely encouraging.

"What is important is the efficacy of the vaccine as demonstrated by the titre test is better as is the coverage. While the sample size is small, the direction of the ABC/ARV program and its impact is very positive," said Priya Chetty Rajagopal, an animal welfare activist and trustee of CJ Memorial Trust.

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VOTE FOR 'BROOM'

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VOTE FOR 'BROOM'

All broken roads lead to polling booths here

Residents of Kanakapura wonder how seniors, disabled can make it to vote through uneven paths

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The stretch leading to Ganigarapalya government school is in deplorable condition, with uneven roads. It is also difficult to get a car inside to drop off senior citizens

While everyone is looking forward to casting their vote in the elections, the residents of Kanakapura and surrounding areas, which fall under the Yeshwanthpur constituency, are having concerns about accessibility for senior citizens and people with disabilities at the Ganigarapalya government school polling booths.

The residents pointed out that the concern is transportation, as many senior citizens may not have access to transportation or may be physically unable to walk to the polling booth. They say that the stretch at Ganigarapalya government school is in deplorable condition, with uneven roads. The road is also narrow, and getting a car inside to enable senior citizens to drop off is also difficult.

VK Srivatsa, a resident of the area, told Bangalore Mirror that the government school polling booth numbers 381, 382, 383, and 384 are the designated voting locations for 4,700 voters, including 2,300 female voters, but some members of the community are worried about how they will be able to vote.

"The road is in such bad condition. For senior citizens, it's extremely difficult to access the road. They cannot even go on the wheelchair as the road is sloppy. There is a ramp to the school entrance, which is very narrow and cannot be accessed as well," he said.

Additionally, the government's option for senior citizens aged 80 and above to vote from home has not been executed well in the ward, leaving many seniors feeling frustrated.

"We did not get any voting facilities at home for my parents. Now the only choice is to go to the polling booth and vote, but when the situation is so bad with no accessibility, we have no idea how to go about it. The polling booth officers should make some arrangements for them," a resident said anonymously.

> **"The road is in such bad condition. For senior citizens, it's extremely difficult to access the road. They cannot even use a wheelchair** –VK Srivatsa

Many added that there should be alternate arrangements for senior citizens.

Vaideeswaran, another resident said, "I went on a drive on Monday to check the location of the polling booth, and I was surprised to see that the approach road was very bad. My father is 83-years-old, and it will be very difficult for him to walk on that stretch. And my 70-year-old mother has a health problem where she can't walk down such stretches easily. It is necessary to make other alternate arrangements for them."

Last-minute requests

Karnataka elections are all set, with voting taking place today. Bengaluru has witnessed poor voter turnout previously. In the last state elections, while the state recorded a voter turnout of 72.44%, the city witnessed a voter turnout of only 55%. In this Assembly election, the city eagerly waits to see the turnout of voters.

Talking about the work done by the government for the past five years, Imran, a trader in Chandra Layout, said, "Everyday and everywhere there is a new problem. The government is not focusing on improving the state; rather, they are only focusing on the religious aspect. All the prices, like gas and petrol, have been hiked. If they had focused on education, it would be called an improvement." He added that his business was affected as the heavy vehicles were given permission to enter the city. The middle-class people were suffering to reach their places. "If the money spent on road shows had been used to cut costs from the hike in gas and petrol, it could have been appreciated. We only need our basic needs to go on," he said.

Many residents said that a lot could have been done in the area of education.

Sharath, a resident of Rajajinagar, said, "Regarding the roads and infrastructure, there has been development around in the neighbouring districts. However, in terms of education, there can be a lot more for the government schools, which are run by the state, like a school support programme. The curriculum should be something students can learn rather than rote learning. Most of the schools are in dilapidated condition, and it is not a place for anyone to be learning." He added that they have had parties coming in for campaigning, but no polling booth information has been shared. "There have to be more campaigns to raise awareness in colleges about how to vote. It would be helpful if representatives would go around spreading messages regarding the process of voting," he explained. —**Abhijeet Kabad**

Mark this: 86 years of indelible service by Mysuru firm

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If you are casting your vote for state polls on Wednesday, one of the indications to prove your vote is the indelible ink applied to your finger. You will be surprised to know that the ink is produced by a state-owned company with a history of 86 years. The indelible ink is manufactured by Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited (MPVL). For the Karnataka elections in 2023, the company has supplied 1.2 lakh 10 ml bottles to the Election Commission.

MPVL's Managing Director, G Kumara Swamy, said the company has been supplying indelible ink not just for elections in India but to many other countries as well. In fact, the company supplies indelible ink to 25 countries, including Canada, Ghana, Nigeria, Mongolia, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, and South Africa.

"We have supplied 1.2 lakh 10 ml bottles and 19,000 pockets of sealing wax to the EC in April itself. While the ink is used for applying on fingers to prevent duplication of voting, the wax is used to seal to secure documents as well as the electronic voting machines," he said.

A 10-ml bottle is enough to apply ink to 800 to 900 voters. The ink changes its colour slightly within 30 seconds of its application. The ink is applied in such a way that it is smeared on both skin and nails, he added.

Though there have been many claims in the past that the ink is erased using chemicals or some sort of nail polish, Swamy defended it by saying that ink cannot be erased for 30 days.

"We have been supplying ink for all the polls in the country. The EC intimates us three months in advance so that we manufacture the ink and supply one month ahead of polls," Swamy said, adding that the company had a rich history as it was started by the Mysore royals.

The company was set up by Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV in 1937 as Mysore Lac and Paint Works Ltd, which was renamed in 1989 as Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd.

Furthermore, he said that the royal family needed wax to secure the official documents and royal treasury. Hence, forest produce was used to produce the wax. In fact, the erstwhile name Lac was used for manufacturing sealing waxes. The company had also produced paints that were used for war tanks earlier. Currently, more than 150 employees are working at the Mysuru-based plant.

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The New Delhi-based Council of Scientific and Industrial Research—National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL) devised a chemical formula for indelible ink. According to the CSIR website, the product was licenced to Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd for manufacturing. The Mysuru-based company started producing ink in 1962.

KAUSHIK JN

EVM check: They are ready!

Poll officials check Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in Hebbal veterinary college ahead of the state assembly elections.
Polling commences at 7 am today and results will be announced on May 13. BBMP and volunteers have been working on war footing to fight urban voter apathy ahead of this election. The IT city is known to have a low turnout.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Arrangements in place to ensure maximum convenience for urban voters

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Urban voter turnout in Bengaluru has been consistently low. The Election Commission (EC) officials had earlier said that this apathy has been a cause of concern. The 'IT capital' is known for lowest voter turnout in the 2013 and 2018 assembly elections, much less than the state average. BBMP South, considered to be the most progressive, saw just 51.98 per cent turnout in 2018, while BBMP North witnessed 53.47 per cent, Central, 55.18 per cent, and Urban, 57 per cent last time.

POLL VAULT

An official said, "Many don't step out to vote, thinking that there is no parking space available or they need to wait in long queues. Hence, we have come up with apps where voters can check parking availability beforehand. In fact, with a focus on tech-savvy voters in the city, we have introduced several apps to help them access various facilities and identify their polling booths." This year, for the first time in Karnataka, super senior citizens voted from home. There are 7,916 polling booths in Bengaluru across 28 assembly segments. Out of this, 1,907 polling booths have been designated as sensitive booths, where extra security has been provided.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that 36,000 polling officers are required in the city. However, keeping 20 per cent as standby, there is a requirement of 40,000 staff. "A mock poll will be conducted at the polling stations at 5:30 am on Wednesday so that the actual polling can begin by 7 am. All the EVMs have been deployed. In case of any malfunction, technicians have been arranged to fix it at the earliest. Apart from this, volunteers have been hired to update the app where voters can check if there is a queue for polling and availability of parking at the polling station."

> **Many don't step out to vote thinking that there is no parking space available. Hence, we have come up with apps**
>
> – Election official

Additionally, Bengaluru City police have deployed 12,217 personnel. 2,565 home guards and 27 armed reserve platoons and 49 central police forces will also be deployed. A police official said, "As per the EC directives, we have made elaborate security arrangements to ensure a free and fair poll. We have already conducted flag marches across the city to instill confidence among people. We have also set up 123 check posts in eight divisions, besides having 131 flying squads. Liquor sales are prohibited in the city till midnight (of May 10). So far, as a preventive measure, we have taken an undertaking from 7,493 rowdy elements that they will not cause harm to law and order." During the election process, police seized Rs 10,93,97,005 in cash, 28.5 kg gold, 140 kg silver, freebies worth Rs 9,72,87,071, and narcotics worth Rs 29,51,54,780. The official urged the public to take part in the polls without any fear.

Meanwhile, the EC had decried efforts by some hotels to offer free food to those who had cast their vote. Reacting to this, the Bruhat Bengaluru Hotel Owners Association president PC Rao said, "The EC's decision was unfair. We challenged this in the High Court which stayed the EC's decision of restricting us from offering free food." In a release issued on Tuesday, the EC had said that such advertisements were in violation of the model code of conduct (MCC). The body has asked police to take action against violators of the MCC.

IN BRIEF

'BJP candidate threatening voters'

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Congress MLAs Ramalinga Reddy and Sowmya Reddy lodged a complaint with the Chief Electoral Officer on Tuesday against a BJP candidate from the Jayanagar Assembly constituency for allegedly threatening and frightening voters.

A Congress delegation, including Ramalinga Reddy, Sowmya Reddy, former corporator N Nagaraj, KPCC spokesperson Ramesh Babu, and former mayor Ramachandrappa, met with the Chief Electoral Officer to seek action against those who reportedly plan to prevent a section of voters from exercising their franchise.

"I have worked hard for the development and welfare of Jayanagara voters all these years. I was shocked to come across BJP candidate Ramamurthy and his supporters threatening minorities and slum-dwellers. They threatened the voters not to visit polling booths on Wednesday," said Sowmya.

She said some anti-social elements and rowdies supported by the BJP candidate had threatened voters at Marenahalli, Urs Colony, Tilak Nagar, Byrasandra, Ragigudda, Banashankari Quarters, Marenahalli Tank Bund, and JP Nagar. "The BJP candidate and his supporters do not want voters from these areas to visit polling booths as they consider them Congress supporters," she said.

> **A Cong delegation met with the Chief Electoral Officer to seek action against such candidates**

Speaking with media persons, Ramalinga Reddy said that he appealed to the Chief Electoral Officer to increase security for voters in these areas to protect them from anti-social elements. "I sought paramilitary forces for the Jayanagar Assembly constituency to ensure free and fair voting. There were a few police constables at the spot when the goondas threatened the voters. Most of them wore helmets and masks and were roaming in cars," he said.

Byrasandra ward former corporator Nagaraj said many rowdy elements are roaming in and around Jayanagar to threaten voters. "The rowdies supported by the BJP candidate have created havoc in a few slums. They have threatened the voters who have been Congress supporters for many years," he said.

Congress delegation, including Ramalinga, Sowmya Reddy

Bandemutt Layout gets left behind, once again

Residents complain that BBMP is yet to provide basic amenities in the area

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Residents of Bandemutt Layout have been facing a lot of problems due to incomplete developmental works that have come to a grinding halt.

This has been the result of improper planning. The residents said that the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities have engaged a contractor to construct roadside drains in the layout without completing the process of floating a tender inviting the bidders.

"The BBMP is yet to provide basic amenities to the layout despite the Legislative Committee on Petitions directing it to do so six months ago. They engaged a contractor to construct roadside drains last month, but there has been no progress in the work," said TM Satish, a resident.

Mohan Kumar, vice president of Bandemutt Layout Residents' Welfare Association, said that BBMP authorities took up the developmental works when some of the residents told them that they would boycott the state assembly elections if these basic amenities were not provided. "The developmental works began last month at one location in the layout, but later, they came to a halt. Most of the roads are full of potholes and craters. I demand the BBMP authorities expedite the completion of the ongoing works in the layout," he said.

BM's report on July 13, 2021 spoke of resdents protesting over the condition of the layout

(Left) An incomplete drain at Bandemutt Layout; a muddy, neglected road in the area. Residents of the area want the BBMP to asphalt the roads and complete the construction of the roadside drains here

Demanding the BBMP authorities asphalt the roads and complete the construction of the roadside drains, Ramakrishne Gowda, president of the Bandemutt Layout Residents' Association, said the layout was transferred to the BBMP six months ago from the Karnataka Housing Board (KHB). "Developmental works worth Rs 10 crore were planned for the layout. The BBMP has to contribute Rs 5 crore, and the KHB has to contribute Rs 5 crore. I want the BBMP to complete all the developmental works without any delay," he said.

> **"They (BBMP) engaged a contractor to construct roadside drains last month, but there has been no progress in the work**
> – TM Satish, resident

The residents have been asking the authorities to provide basic amenities in the layout for a long time.

Bangalore Mirror published a story (It's the limits for Bandemutt Layout) on July 13, 2021, narrating how the residents are struggling due to a lack of basic amenities.

Meanwhile, BBMP Kengeri ward assistant engineer Nagabhushan said the developmental works would be completed shortly. "The works were stopped due to the elections. I am on election duty. I will take measures to commence the same in a few days," said Nagabhushan.

Explosive threat in Anekal taluk

On Tuesday, Ebenezer International School in the outskirts of Anekal taluk in Bengaluru allegedly underwent a bomb threat. According to the police, the school received an email that said "explosive devices were planted in the building".

Police sources claim that the email was delivered to the school on Tuesday morning. The school was closed and the police were notified of the same as a precaution. The school also had to temporarily suspend its ongoing admissions process. A dog squad and metal detectors were brought in by the authorities, who then searched the school's grounds thoroughly. The police then informed that no explosive devices were discovered during the search. — BMB

Bus driver dies in accident

A Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) bus rammed into a building when its driver lost control in the Yelahanka bus stand area. When the bus sped towards the building and collided into it, the driver got stuck between the bus and the wall, dying on the spot.

Passengers in the bus sustained minor injuries and were admitted to the hospital. The wall of the building near the bus stand collapsed due to the accident.

The Yelahanka traffic police were immediately notified about the incident and they rushed to the spot to inspect the matter. — BMB

Foxconn buys massive site in B'luru outskirts

IN BRIEF

Taiwanese electronics giant Foxconn has bought a huge tract of land on the outskirts of Indian tech hub Bengaluru, the key Apple supplier said in a filing Tuesday as it looks to diversify production away from China. Also known by its official name, Hon Hai Precision Industry, Foxconn is the world's biggest contract electronics manufacturer and a principal assembler of Apple iPhones.

Both companies are seeking to shift manufacturing away from China after strict covid policies, a bout of industrial unrest, and ongoing diplomatic tensions with the United States hurt production. The 13 million-square-foot acquisition in Devanahalli, near the airport for Bengaluru, was announced in a statement to the London Stock Exchange.

It said that subsidiary Foxconn Hon Hai Technology India Mega Development was paying three billion rupees ($37 million) for the site. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in March that Apple would "soon" manufacture iPhones at a new plant that would create "about 100,000 jobs".

Bloomberg News reported that month that Foxconn was planning to invest $700 million in a new factory in Karnataka. Foxconn has manufactured Apple handsets in India since 2019. — AFP

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Foul stench
Railway Parallel Road

The stench is unbearable on Railway Parallel Road near Umesh Dosa Point.

Bikers, watch out
Vasanth Nagar

This drain in Vasanth Nagar, opposite Hotel Chalukya is unsafely placed; there is also stagnant water in the area.

Tree trouble
Saibaba Nagar

A weak tree that can fall anytime in Saibaba Nagar 2nd Cross is posing a threat to passers-by and school children.

Taking the bus home? They are few and far to come by

Students say they have noticed dip in frequency of buses as all are out on poll duty

As many Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) buses have been put on election duty, several students are finding it difficult to travel to their colleges.

Tejas, a final-year student at Christ University, says that his bus route is from Vidyaranyapura to Christ College, and he changes buses at Majestic (KBS). He claims that for the past couple of days, the frequency of buses on his route has decreased.

"Earlier, there used to be a lot of buses, but for a few days, it takes some time to get a bus - even from Majestic, which is usually overcrowded. I didn't know it was happening because of elections, but I think BMTC buses on college routes are used for election duties because the authorities assume that most people have their private vehicles and would rather not use BMTC.

"But I believe that the frequency of the buses, no matter the reason, should not be impacted because it is an easy and affordable means of transportation," he said.

Another college student, Sanjana Shankar, also faced the same issue while taking a bus from Kengeri satellite town. "Yesterday, while I was waiting for the bus, I noticed that there were only two buses. There used to be at least five buses every time I went to the bus stand. There were also very few people when compared to most days," she said. Aravind, another college student, opines that KSRTC buses should be used for election duty.

"During the time when the Kempegowda statue was being inaugurated by the Prime Minister, we noticed that several buses that read 'on contract' were getting people from the villages to the inauguration site, so why can't we do the same thing during the election time?" he asked.

A senior BMTC official told Bangalore Mirror that out of 5,000 buses, 1,800 are being used for election work.

"The only thing that has changed is the frequency of the buses. For example, if people used to get buses every three minutes, now it's taking five minutes, so there isn't much difference. Also, most of the colleges, apart from engineering and medical colleges, have summer holidays, so students are not traveling," he said.

— Ahna Prakash

POLL VAULT

Polling booth officials seen carrying the EVMs and VVPAT wait to board a bus at Home Science College at Seshadri Road on Tuesday

"I believe that the frequency of the buses, no matter the reason, should not be impacted because it is an easy and affordable means of transportation
– Tejas, final-year student of Christ University

Heavy checking at borders

Authorities at the borders of Karnataka, Goa, and Maharashtra went on high alert on Tuesday following reports that parties in Karnataka have arranged buses to bring voters from neighbouring states to cast votes on Wednesday.

Thousands of people from Goa have been arriving in north Karnataka. All the buses are full and authorities have stepped up vigilance at check posts.

Authorities went on alert following reports of various parties organising buses from various parts of Goa and Maharashtra for the voters. The authorities have also received information about gifts and sops being offered to voters by parties to reach their villages and cast votes. All buses entering Karnataka are being stopped and checked at borders. **– IANS**

Congress complains to the EC

On the eve of polling in the crucial Karnataka Assembly polls, the Congress on Tuesday complained to the Election Commission against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other BJP leaders for violating the Model Code of Conduct (MCC).

In an eight-page complaint to the Commission, Congress General Secretary and state unit incharge Randeep Singh Surjewala spoke on the "brazen and blatant violation of the MCC as well as the provisions of the Representation of People Act, 1951 by the Prime Minister and other leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)". Surjewala said that on Monday, post 11 pm, Modi addressed the public through a video message, where he appealed to the voters of Karnataka.

"Neither the Prime Minister nor this Commission can possibly deny the 'Silence Period' as contemplated under Section 126 of the Representation of People Act, 1951," he said. **– IANS**

... And even the health professionals are tied up!

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opening pharmacies on Wednesday and even on Thursday as the staff members are on election duty. I have no other option than buying medicines at a private medical store," said Thomas J, a resident of Michael Palya.

Some patients were seen waiting in the corridor to meet doctors. Santosh Kumar, a citizen from Baiyappanahalli, was seen waiting for a dermatologist. "I have been waiting for more than 30 minutes but the doctor is yet to come. I am not sure whether I will be able to meet the doctor. Generally, an attendant or a nurse will be here to guide or assist us but today I found no one around," said.

A volunteer at Sir CV Raman General Hospital said the pharmacies and X-ray departments were shut due to lack of staff members. He added that he was not sure if they would be open on D-Day. According to hospital sources, around 100 employees, including nurses and paramedical staff, of Sir CV Raman General Hospital and 74 paramedical staff of Jayanagar General Hospital, and around 50 paramedical staff, nurses and laboratory technicians from KC General Hospital have been assigned election duty for three days.

"We have no other option than managing with the available staff. It is difficult for doctors to attend to outpatients without nurses and paramedical staff. Only two staff members are on duty at the Blood Bank. They will be on duty during the day and there is no one to maintain the Blood Bank at night," said a doctor at Sir CV Raman General Hospital.

It may be recalled that Karnataka Health and Family Welfare Services Commissioner Randeep D wrote two letters, on April 17 and 26, to the Bengaluru District Electoral Officer and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath seeking exemption of doctors, nurses, and paramedical staff from election duty.

347.52% increase in seized items

According to the Election Commission of India (ECI), the total amount of freebies, cash, alcohol, narcotics, and other items seized in Karnataka, reached Rs 375 crore this time, a 347.52 per cent increase from the 83.93 crore rupees during 2018 Assembly elections. As of May 8, the authorities had confiscated Rs 147.46 crore cash, alcohol worth Rs 83.66 crore, medicines worth Rs 23.67 crore, precious metals worth Rs 96.6 crore, and gifts worth Rs 24.21 crore, said EC. **– BMB**

1 killed by lightning as heavy rains lash state

Heavy rains continued to lash poll-bound Karnataka on Tuesday, leaving one man dead in Belagavi district.

The rains came as the state is all set to go for polls on Wednesday (May 10) for crucial Assembly elections which are considered as semi-finals to 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The meteorological department has predicted heavy rains in the state for another five days.

Yellow alert has been issued to the south and north interior region and coastal regions. Meanwhile, large scale damages have been reported from many districts of the state due to heavy rains.

Parlesh Rathod, a resident of Obalapura village in Ramadurg taluk of Belagavi , died on the spot on Tuesday following a lighting strike as heavy rains and thunderstorms were reported in most parts of the district.

Capital city Bengaluru has been turned into a "hill station" following drizzle and cloudy atmosphere. Heavy rains on Monday evening causing severe inconvenience to commuters.

A huge tree in the premises of the government school converted into polling station at Kotanuru in Kalaburgi district has been uprooted, disrupting the preparations for the polling. The authorities were clearing the debris from the premises.

Heavy rains have lashed many parts of the Gadag district and authorities are worried over the situation on polling day if the heavy rains continue.

The rains have uprooted trees in Keshwapura road in Hubballi. The forceful winds have brought down the pandal installed to distribute voting machines in the premises of a school there. – IANS

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SAVE OUR SKINS

Better step away from your peelers if you want the fruit or veggie you eat to retain its nutrients

Stop! Before you peel, top, tail or core that piece of fruit or veg and toss away stems, leaves and seeds in the compost bin, think twice. It might surprise you to know that the scraps you casually throw out could pack even more of a nutritional punch than the parts we choose to eat.

KEEP KIWI PEEL

The skin of a kiwi fruit contains three times the antioxidants found in the pulp of the fruit.

"Removing the kiwi skin can also take away as much as 50% of the fibre from the fruit," says Natalie Louise Burrows, Nutritional Therapist and Functional Medicine Health Coach (integralwellness.co.uk). "Although it feels furry to the touch of our hands, once it's in your mouth you don't feel that texture."

BETTER WITH BEETROOT

Saving time (and pink hands) by not peeling beetroot will also bring benefits.

"The skin is where most of the nutrients are, including betalains, nitrogen-containing pigments that contain anti-inflammatory properties as well as supporting brain and liver health," explains Natalie. Simply cook it in its skin until tender. Make sure you use up beetroot leaves too - they're packed with vitamin A for eye health, vitamin C for immunity, plus calcium, magnesium, potassium and folate. And they contain more iron than spinach.

SEED SECRETS

Pumpkin seeds are packed with zinc, magnesium and fatty acids, all of which can help reduce the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure and high blood sugar. Clean and dry the seeds, add a drop of olive oil, season with spice or turmeric and bake in the oven.

And what about watermelon seeds? They're rich in magnesium, which helps maintain healthy nerve and muscle function. Plus they contain fatty acids which can help lower levels of bad LDL cholesterol in the blood.

AN APPLE A DAY

Apple peel contains two to three times more flavonoids - antioxidant compounds - than the flesh.

And its potent antioxidant activity has been shown to help lower bad cholesterol and help inhibit and slow the growth of cancer cells.

As well as eating the peel, you should aim to munch as far into the core (minus the seeds) as possible too. "Apples, and especially the core, contain probiotics which benefit your gut health, while the fibre in apples feeds the good bacteria, helping to reduce bloating," says Shona Wilkinson, lead nutritionist at Dr Vegan (drvegan.com).

SOS (SAVE ONION SKINS)

Over-peeling onions means losing lots of essential nutrients.

The outer layers contain more concentrated flavonoids, especially quercetin, which helps support healthy blood pressure and heart health. "Aside from removing the dried, crisp outer layer, and any spoiled layers, there's no reason to remove any extra layers - eat as much of the onion as you possibly can," says Natalie.

GO TO GREAT LENGTHS

Most of us only use the white part of leeks and spring onions and bin the green bits.

But they're bursting with valuable B vitamins and contain more fibre and folate than the white part. You can use the whole of a spring onion in your salads and stir fries.

BE COOL WITH CUCUMBERS

Don't peel cucumbers, even if you're making posh finger sandwiches - the skin contains most of the benefits. "Cucumbers are made up of around 96% water. To maximise nutrient content, leave the skin on so you get fibre and nutrients like vitamins C and K, magnesium, potassium and manganese," says Natalie.

POTATO PACKAGE

Spud skins contain more than double the total polyphenols (healthy micronutrients) of the flesh itself and a huge proportion of their essential vitamins and minerals, says botanist James Wong, author of How to Eat Better (Mitchell Beazley). "This means that simply not bothering to peel them could prevent the loss of roughly half the iron, along with a third of the calcium.

"Boiling potatoes whole in their skins also prevents loss of nutrients that would otherwise leach into the cooking water through the cut surfaces."

CHILLI CHEAT

Don't fiddle to remove the white fibrous spongy tissue on the inside of your chillies. "In one Mexican study, scientists found that this white stuff in peppers, which we plant geeks call the placenta, contains the highest concentration of antioxidants and polyphenols - as much as four times that of the flesh itself," says James.

FULL SPHERE

The pith and peel of citrus fruits contain immune-boost ing flavonoids, including hesperidin, thought to reduce inflammation, promote blood flow in the brain and help support heart health. So eat the white bits and add fresh orange zest (from the skin) to salads, cooked veggies and desserts.

USE UP OLD GARLIC

Do you bin your garlic as soon as green shoots start to show? Think twice. The sulphurous chemicals in it have blood-thinning properties, which could help lower the risk of blood clots, heart attack and stroke. "Old garlic bulbs, especially those that have started to sprout, have been shown to manufacture far more of the sulphur-based chemicals, sending their antioxidant content soaring," says James. So don't bin garlic you think is past its best.

EAT THE LEAVES

Don't just use the heads of broccoli and cauliflower - eat the stems, stalks and leaves too. They're packed with cell-protecting, cancerfighting antioxidants, vitamins E and K, and calcium. Just wash before use to get rid of any pesticides.

PURPLE PUNCH

The purple skin of an aubergine packs a healthy punch, so don't peel it off. It contains nasunin, a plant pigment which, in animal studies, has been shown to protect the fats in brain cells that could preserve brain health and cognitive function.

TO THE CORE

Who decidwed you shouldn't eat the core of a fresh pineapple? It's perfectly edible, if a little harder and more fibrous. It's good for you too, packed with vitamin C and B6, and bromelain - an enzyme that can reduce inflamma tion in the body and even inhibit cancer cells.

—Daily Mirror

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm in my 30s with two young children and I've recently gone through a horrible divorce. Over the past few months I've been online dating, but every time I meet a guy I like they go cold on me once we've slept together.
I'm starting to get paranoid and feel pretty used. Maybe my dating radar is really off after being married nearly 10 years and I'm picking the wrong men, but it's demoralising.
My friends tell me to keep going and I will meet someone who's right eventually, but I don't know if I have it in me. It just feels like such an effort.
My ex didn't do anything for my confidence. I found out he had a younger lover.
I'm confused about what to do next. I do have a circle of good friends who've been amazing through the divorce, providing emotional support and help with the kids. But I feel I need something for me and want to move on properly.

COLEEN SAYS

I think you're putting all your eggs in one basket here and expecting a man to come along and sort out how you feel and make your life better.
When my second marriage ended, I gave myself the freedom of not being tied to someone. I realised I had to work on myself and had to learn to be on my own again.
So, learn to love you before loving someone else.
It sounds like you're going on dates, thinking "this could be my next life partner", and you might even be giving off that vibe.
Think of dating as a fun, social thing and you won't feel so upset when it doesn't work out.
And stop blaming yourself when a guy ghosts you.
But if you're confident in who you are and what you want, you'll read the situation better and make different choices.

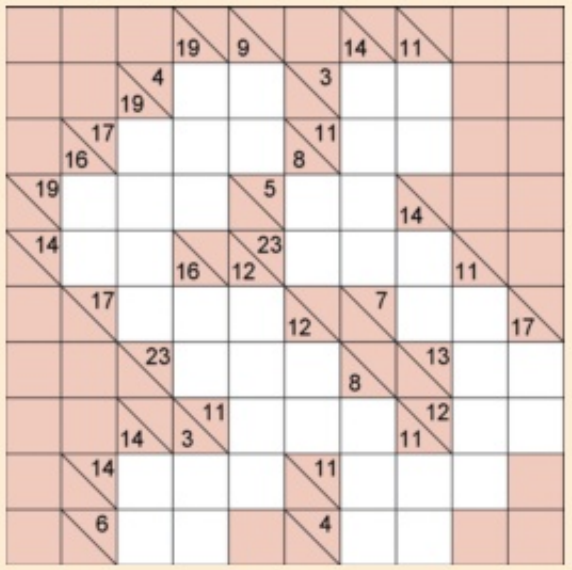
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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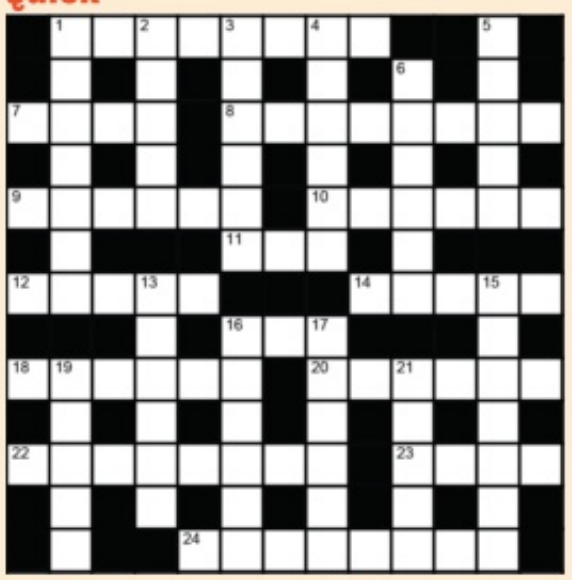


ACROSS

1 Supplying food (8)
7 Chicken curry native to Karnataka (4)
8 Pest or irritation (8)
9 Leapt, jumped or pranced (6)
10 Searched for or pursued (6)
11 Aliens? (3)
12 Authored (5)
14 Part of teapot (5)
16 Young animal (3)
18 Mr Jackson of Hollywood (6)
20 In a boorish way (6)
22 Hired or employed; committed oneself to a job (6,2)
23 Be short of (4)
24 Destructiveness, frenzy or fury (8)

DOWN

1 An axe or a helicopter? (7)
2 Subarctic forest (5)
3 Go back on one's word (6)
4 Whinnies (6)
5 Recess (5)
6 Brief sleep (6)
13 Absent without leave (6)
15 Ill-fated (7)
16 Solemn promise (6)
17 Promptly; quickly (6)
19 Farewell (5)
21 ___ Lama is spiritual leader of Tibet? (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: C EQUALS D

CWF'N TETL NQOT Q PTFZT CWAF KFNVD HWK OFWA NJT LTQIWF VN AQI GKN KG.

Linemaro

Can I borrow your cell? I need to call animal control because I saw a minx

Mindchow

Your safe boundaries were once unknown frontiers

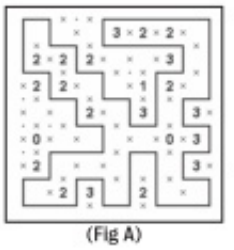
Joke of the day

How do you trap a polar bear? Cut a hole in the ice. Line it with peas. When the bear bends over to take a pea, kick him into the ice hole

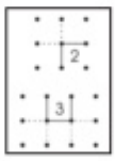
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



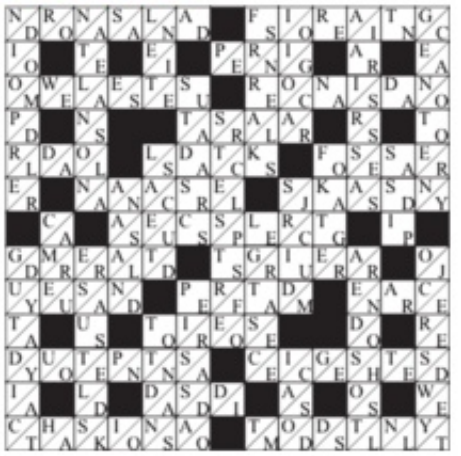
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

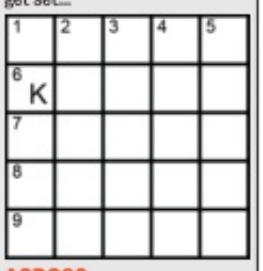
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 I bash; 6 Or ken; 7 Uglis; 8 I fell; 9 Aloft

DOWN

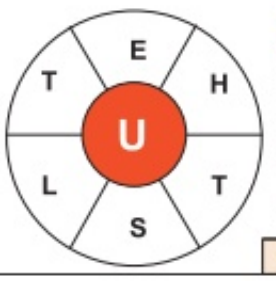
1 Iff Sk; 2 Grail; 3 Oh LOL; 4 Ulna I; 5 Beets

Mensapuzzle

What number continues the following sequence?

759, 675, 335, 165, ?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

06 Average; 07 Good; 09 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

2			8					5
	3		7		5		8	
		6				7		
	2		1		6		5	8
9	7		4		8		1	
		3				8		
	5		3		4		6	
6					9			3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 5
2 4 8 9

Medium = 13
2 3 5 6

Hard = 7
4 7 8 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

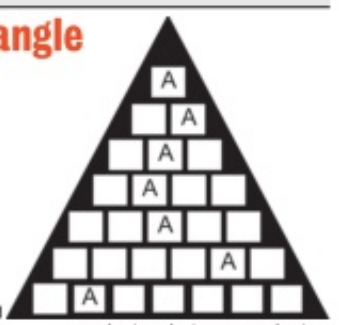
Differences: 1. Shower curtain is wider. 2. Stripe on towel is thicker. 3. Soap dish is moved. 4. Doorknob is missing. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Counter top is wider.

Riddler

Who is the odd one out: Franz Kafka, Ernest Hemingway, John Steinbeck, William Faulkner?

Alpha triangle

1 First letter
2 Mother
3 Floor covering
4 Pole
5 Stylish
6 Current
7 Expert skill



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

PRINCIPAL
MOM, THIS ISN'T FAIR! DEAN DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG! THE BASKETBALL PLAYERS WERE JUST JEALOUS!
DON'T WORRY, HEART. WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS.
MY SON GETS HARASSED, AND HE HAS TO SUFFER CONSEQUENCES?!
MY DAUGHTER IS EXERCISING HER RIGHT TO PROTEST!!
MOMS ARE SCARY GOOD AT DEFENSE.

Crankshaft

DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I HAVE TO WRITE A BIO FOR MY WEBSITE, MINDY?
ABSOLUTELY!
IT'S CALLED 'SOCIAL MEDIA' FOR A REASON, LILLIAN!

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to speaking while you are talking with anyone. Love birds should be careful in discussions; otherwise, the relationship may be affected.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, there may be peace in your mind. You may plan to invest some capital in the business, which may increase liquidity in your business. Your earnings may boost your savings. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in family life. Singles may likely find a suitable match. Love birds may decide to get married.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
: Today, you are blessed by a positive moon. Your losses may convert into profits. Your boss may be happy and appreciate your work. You may see some transfers in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and love birds may make important decisions in terms of marriage with the help of relatives or friends.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, situations are under control, and you may feel better. You may plan for overseas travel. Your network may help you on the work front. There may be an increase in domestic harmony. You may be more creative; you may bring some artifacts or creative stuff for family or the office. You may also plan to watch movies or other entertainment with friends or family.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
In the beginning of the week, you may expect financial gains. You will balance your earnings and expenses, which will boost your bank balance. You will likely perform better in your job. Your boss will give you new responsibilities in terms of promotion. You will get back your money from your lenders. You will be able to control your opponents and hidden enemies. Health will be better now.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may plan to renovate your house. You may buy some stuff to decorate your house to maintain your social status. There may be some harmony with your spouse, creating harmony in domestic life. Disputes with friends, co-workers, and partners may be settled. You may receive good news in terms of litigations.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy, and old health issues may be cured now. The amount that was stuck somewhere may likely be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan to buy some luxury items.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by Jupiter. This may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decisions confidently. You are decisive, so you may grab opportunities without a second thought. You may likely spend money on family and friends. Love birds may enjoy their happy moments. Job aspirants may likely get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may feel dull. You may not enjoy your day. You may be a victim of arrogance, which may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from doing something creative at work.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform better at work, and your hard work may pay off now. This may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with an influential person may boost your business.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which makes you happy. You are likely to get a good opportunity with the help of your communication skills. You are polite with people around you, and you may take some difficult decisions in the business with the help of your colleagues, which may increase your prestige in society.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon; it's a good day for you. You have good vitality, and you may enjoy working and spending romantic moments with your spouse, which can improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project, and your perfectionism may help you design the flow chart. Job seekers will find a suitable job. Love birds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

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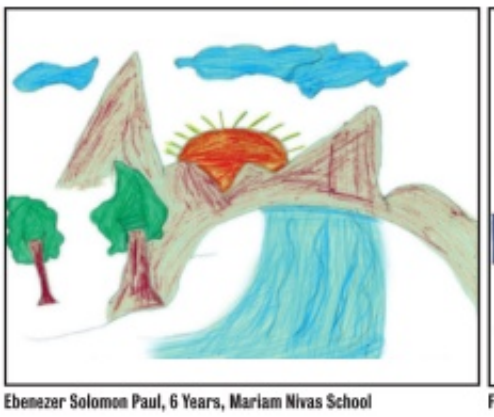

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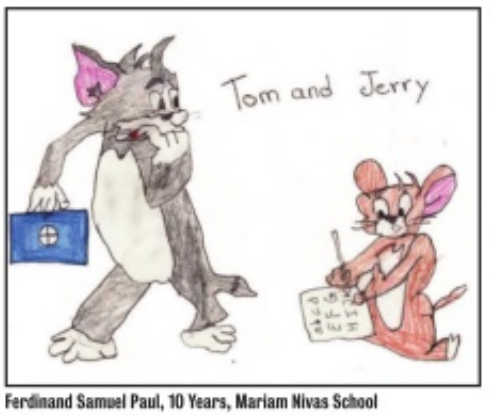

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SOLUTIONS

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= [15/27-(5/12-4/9)] x 144
= 5/9-(5-9/48)] x 144
= [5/9-45/48] x 144
= [5/9-15/16] x 144
= [80/144-135/144] x 144
= -55/144) x 144 = -55

BULL'S EYE
hustle, lush, lust, lute, shut, sloth, suet, thus

STRIKE OUT
DONALD TRUMP
ONE TWO THREE FOUR
SHUTTLE
SPRANG HUNTED
SACK FEAR
LAO SAR
TSAR
OWLETS ONION
DUENNA EIGHTS
ASS ORES
YUAN PRAM ERE
DREAD TRUER
CASUS PECT
ENACRE SASSY
SAMUEL RUDELY
SIGNED ON LACK
DAE OAT
STRONG
CATERING
HAN EGG
OLIVE ERG
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MENSA PUZZLE
80: each number is formed by multiplying the number formed by the first two digits of the previous number by its third digit. So, 16 * 5 = 80

RIDDLER
Franz Kafka, the only writer on the list not to have won the Nobel Prize for Literature

SUDOKU

6	4	8	2	1	9	5	7	3
7	5	2	3	8	4	1	6	9
1	9	3	6	5	7	8	2	4
9	7	5	4	3	8	2	1	6
8	6	1	5	9	2	3	4	7
3	2	4	1	7	6	9	5	8
5	8	6	9	4	1	7	3	2
4	3	9	7	2	5	6	8	1
2	1	7	8	6	3	4	9	5

ALPHA TRIANGLE
A, MA, MAT, MAST, SMART, STREAM, MASTERY.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 + 4 - 9 + 2 = 5
Medium
6 - 3 x 5 - 2 = 13
Hard
4 + 7 - 8 + 4 = 7

LOOP

KAKURO

FAST FIVE

S	A	H	I	B
K	R	O	N	E
I	G	L	U	S
F	I	L	L	E
F	L	O	A	T

QUOTE UNCODE
Don't ever take a fence down until you know the reason it was put up.

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 # Mermaid magic
Black American singer Halle Bailey has said she was "honored" to play Ariel in the live action remake of 'The Little Mermaid'

Engagement date is here

Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra and Aam Aadmi Party's Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chandha are all set to get engaged on Saturday, May 13.

A source told IANS: "It (the engagement) is happening. She is getting engaged on Saturday, 13th. The engagement preps are on. Parineeti has already left for Delhi."

The couple were recently spotted leaving a restaurant after their dinner date. A video was shared by celebrity paparazzi Viral Bhayani on Instagram, where Parineeti can be seen in an all-black outfit, while the AAP leader looks casual in a grey shirt paired with black pants.

Dating rumours between Raghav and Parineeti began last month when the two were pictured together in London and then in Mumbai. The two have often been pictured together at Mumbai and New Delhi airport.

From picking up from the airport to going to restaurants together, Parineeti and Raghav have been seen together several times. However, the two have never declined or accepted their relationship.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Parineeti will be seen sharing the screen with Diljit Dosanjh in the Imtiaz Ali directorial 'Chamkila'. The film is said to be inspired by Punjabi singer Amar Singh Chamkila. —IANS

A home to call her own

Samantha's new address is a posh duplex flat in Hyderabad

Popular actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu has reportedly bought a luxurious duplex flat in a posh area in Hyderabad. The property is said to be located on the 13th and 14th floors and has a super built-up area of 7,944 sq ft, with 3,920 sq ft on the 13th floor and a duplex area of 4,024 sq ft on the 14th floor. What's more, the property comes with six parking slots, according to real estate data analytics firm.

Reports suggest that the interior of the house is almost complete and it is an elegant mix of modern and earthy interiors. Samantha's net worth is approximately Rs 100 crore, which includes her Hyderabad home, luxury cars such as the Land Rover Range Rover Vogue and BMW 7 Series, and more. She reportedly charges Rs 3 to 4 crore per movie and a significant amount for brand endorsements.

The Shaakuntalam actress is known for her exquisite taste in properties and has previously owned a palatial house in Hyderabad, which she shared with her former husband, Naga Chaitanya. There have been reports that Samantha paid Rs 100 crore for the Jubilee Hills house after her divorce, but there is no official confirmation regarding the same.

Samantha is one of the leading actresses in the South Indian film industry and has now made her mark as a Pan-India star. She recently attended the global premiere of the upcoming web series, Citadel, in London. Samantha is currently busy with the shoots of two major projects, Citadel and Kushi, in which she stars alongside Varun Dhawan and Vijay Deverakonda, respectively. —ETimes

Hot mess indeed

Hollywood actress Emma Roberts, who is known for "Paradise Hills" and "Billionaire Boys Club", is set to headline the comedy "Hot Mess".

The movie marks the feature directorial debut for film and TV helmer Katie Locke O'Brien. The project was written by Gabrielle D'Amico and is produced by Debbie Liebling, Maggie Malina and Laura Lewis, reports 'Variety'.

Currently in pre-production and scheduled to start shooting in early 2024, Mister Smith Entertainment will launch its international sales at this month's Cannes market. Lewis at Rebelle Media is representing North American rights.

An official synopsis for the film, accessed by 'Variety', reads: "After imploding in the worst way possible on a wildly popular American dating show, Laurel Mack (Roberts) must do the ultimate walk of shame... back to her hometown.

"Having failed to win love on the show, Laurel finds herself living in her quirky parents' basement, without any friends, constantly bumping into the miserable ex the whole town adores, and experiencing the constant mockery of all who witnessed her public meltdown.

"She embarks on a hilarious and heartfelt journey to discover self-love, and with that, real connections with others."

Roberts is currently in production on Ryan Murphy's "American Horror Story: Delicate" and recently wrapped production on Marvel's Spider-Man spin-off "Madame Web". Roberts will next begin production on Frank Coraci's "Verona Spies", and will also executive produce the romantic comedy "Space Cadet". —IANS

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Kalaripayattu queen

Octogenarian Meenakshi Amma, a Padma Shri award winner, is featuring in a film that is scheduled for release in three languages – Malayalam, Kannada and English. The movie is titled Look Back for the English version and Nene Manave for the Kannada version. "I am happy to be a part of this movie. I agreed to act in it because it revolves around a girl who learns kalaripayattu. It was very interesting to face the camera. I got an offer from a director in which Mohanlal is expected to play a key role in a Tamil movie but I politely rejected it because I want to dedicate my time to train girls and boys in kalaripayattu," said Meenakshi Amma on the side lines of an audio function.

The soundtrack of Nene Manave was released at Ravindra Kalakshetra on Sunday. Music director Hamsalekha was the chief guest. Meenakshi Amma wants more women and girls to learn kalaripayattu to stay safe. "My message to women is to be physically fit to keep miscreants at bay," she said.

The movie is an emotional story of a determined student who started with a quest for revenge but ended up in a smile. The girl started learning kalaripayattu only to avenge her boyfriend Krishna. It is directed by Ranjan Mullaratt.

Touch of grace

Here's why we can't wait to watch super-talented Vidya Balan on the big screen

Watch this story come alive by pointing your phone camera at the QR code